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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Mr. Richard Helms  
Chairman, Interagency Priorities Committee

**THRU:** [redacted]  
Secretary, IPC

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1. Reference is made to a discussion which I had with [redacted] the Secretary of the IPC, regarding correspondence received from [redacted] Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, which included a copy of the report to the President on "Countermeasures Required to Detect and Defend Against the Clandestine Introduction and Detonation in Place of Demolition Atomic Weapons in the United States."

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2. A recommendation of this report is as follows: "It is recommended that CIA be instructed to continue and to expand to the greatest degree possible efforts to obtain information at its source or as close thereto as possible relating to any plans that might exist for the clandestine introduction of fissionable materials into the United States."

3. The Deputy Director (Intelligence), in a letter of 3 February, replied to [redacted] (see attached copy) and stated that this matter would be referred to the IPC. I have been directed to make such reference and herewith submit the recommendation referred to above for action of the Interagency Priorities Committee.

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